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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US/UK TALKS ON ASIA

1. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO HAVE TALKS WITH UK IN LONDON IN JANUARY ON EA MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. TALKS WERE ABORTED AT LAST MOMENT. UK EMBASSY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO SUGGESTED RESCHEDULING TALKS, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WE HAVE AGREED TO HAVING ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL VISIT LONDON JUNE 10-11 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. UK MINISTER SYKES MAY 2 DELIVERED AGENDA PROPOSED BY MICHAEL WILFORD. GENERAL TOPICS ARE CHINA, KOREA, INDOCHINA, AND ASEAN AREA. WE HAVE INDICATED TO SYKES WE WILL REVIEW PROPOSED AGENDA AND MAY OFFER A FEW SUGGESTED REVISIONS. WE WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN COMPLETE AGENDA HAS BEEN FIXED.

3. EA HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHO WILL ACCOMPANY INGERSOLL, BUT IN ANY EVENT PARTY WOULD BE SMALL WITH ONLY A COUPLE OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS IF ANY OBJECTION IS PERCEIVED WITH RESPECT TO TALKS OR THEIR TIMING. ASSUMING EMBASSY CONCURS IN SCHEDULE, DEPARTMENT WILL
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